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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 101

TO ESTABLISH THE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS RULES EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, North Carolina is committed to providing a safe environment for children and adolescents in mental health residential treatment facilities ("group homes"); and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) launched an intensive inspection sweep, including the creation of a 50-person team, to make unannounced inspections of all the group homes across the state in January 2005; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina suspended licensing of any additional group homes until the Mental Health Commission acted on new Residential Treatment for Children and Adolescent rules proposed by DHHS; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2006, the Mental Health Commission adopted Residential Treatment for Children and Adolescents rules at 10A NCAC 27G .1301 and 10A NCAC 27G .1700, specifically .1701-.1708, and on February 16, 2006, the permanent rules were approved by the Rules Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, the rules serve to fill a gap in the staffing and training requirements for residential treatment facilities for children and adolescents; and